WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HAMLINE UNIVERSITY NCORE NETWORK?

NCORE allows me to bring new ideas, resources and energy back to the university to enhance our programming, development and training on racial justice issues. It is very rewarding to see the personal and collective growth in our Hamline team members’ awareness, education, confidence and passion for anti-racism work as a result of attending the national conference, participating in the team and action back on campus the following year.

For my personal professional development, NCORE always provides a “fueling station” by allowing me opportunities to network with other professionals who are engaged in the same type of work as I am at Hamline. At NCORE, I gain energy, passion, commitment and the support of colleagues and allies from across the nation, and I return with new ideas, creativity, questions and resources. NCORE feeds my professional soul and rekindles my appetite and capacity to stay in the work for racial justice.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE NCORE MEMORY or SESSION?

I enjoyed sessions on the history of race and class in Washington, DC, “What to Do When (So Called) Allies Attack: Turning Counter-Productive Battles into Campus Wide Progress,” “Building a Movement for Difficult Dialogues: Teaching and Learning in Higher Education,” and the keynote address and call to action from Dr. Adrienne Keene.

WHAT DID YOU TAKE AWAY FROM THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE?

I left NCORE with a renewed commitment to educating students about race, racism, inclusion, coalition-building, ally development and racial justice. In particular, this year I returned to Hamline with a stronger conviction and goals to create meaningful dialogue for University community members on race, racism and racial justice, as well as training opportunities on cultural competence for staff and students.

DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR, WHAT ARE YOUR PERSONAL GOALS RELATED TO YOUR PARTICIPATION IN NCORE AND ANTI-RACISM?

My goal is to assist our team in developing meaningful, educational, empowering initiatives at Hamline University that change lives, organizations, institutions, policies, and relationships so that all people can enjoy full access, equity and participation in our communities, nation and world. I hope to focus on dialogue and training opportunities, as well as and providing increased support for staff professional development and student personal development on diversity and inclusion issues.